

C. Remarks

The specification has been amended to correct obvious typographical errors.

No new matter has been added. Favorable consideration of the present claims is expressly requested.

The Examiner alleged that the subject application does not satisfy the unity of invention requirement and has required election of one of the following two groups of claims:

- Group I: Claims 1-14, drawn to a columnar structured material; and
- Group II: Claims 15-20, drawn to a method for producing a columnar structured material.

For Group II, the Examiner also requested election of one of the following introducing steps:

- Species I: Claim 18 (electrodeposition);
- Species II: Claim 19 (electroless deposition); or
- Species III: Claim 20 (catalytic reaction with forming of a catalyst in a bottom portion of a hole).

Applicants elect Group I, claims 1-14, without traverse. Since Group I has been elected and all claims of Group I are generic, no election of species is believed necessary. However, should the Examiner wish to use a species for search purposes, Applicants select Species I.

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